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Ecology Activists Plan Protest At Power Plant

By GERRY ROWLAND

A demonstration protesting the construction of a nuclear reactor in Vernon, Vermont is scheduled for tomorrow by a loose coalition of ecology groups from around Vermont, including Middlebury. The protest is planned for Saturday, April 18, Vermont's "Green-Up Day."

The action is scheduled to include an assembly by the marchers at the construction site of the power plant at 8:30 a. m., a march from Vernon to Brattleboro, and a rally and teach-in on the Brattleboro Commons at 11:30.

Construction of the nuclear power plant was begun in March 1967 by Vermont Yankee Corporation, and is scheduled for completion by January, 1971. The first public hearing on the project was held in August, 1967, after construction had begun.

The protestors contend that the power plant constitutes a radiation hazard to the 150,000 residents of the Brattleboro area including dangers of Leukemia, cancer and permanent genetic damage. They warn of the possibility of a "major catastrophe" because of allegedly inadequate safety precautions and "human error." Insurance companies refuse to protect homeowners against such a disaster, estimated to amount to seven billion dollars in damage by the Atomic Energy Commission's Brookhaven Report. Government insurance under the Price-Addison Act provides coverage for $560 million dollars.

In Brattleboro, the group will call for a moratorium on con-

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Davis, Hayes To Speak At Environmental Teach-In

By ASTRID VARTRESSIAN

Vermont Governor Deane Davis and Lieutenant Governor Thomas Hayes will be among the featured speakers next Wednesday as Middlebury participates with more than 1100 other colleges in "Earth Day," the national environmental teach-in.

Earth Day Schedule

The Earth Day program will begin at 9:30 Wednesday morning in Mead Chapel and will continue until late evening.

David Crawford, town manager of Middlebury will speak at 9:45, discussing the town's role in pollution control. He will be followed by Richard Valentineti of the industrial hygiene board; John Hansen, Vermont's assistant attorney General and Lieutenant Governor Thomas Hayes who will speak at 1:30.

A panel discussion, "Population and Ecology" is planned for 10:30 Wednesday morning. James Marshall of the Geology Department, Dr. Van Vleck of the Biology Department and Dean Dennis O'Brien will be among the participants.

Vermont Mountaintops

At 2:30 Biology professor Howard Woodin will lecture and conduct a seminar in which Hubert Vogelmann, professor of Botany at the University of Vermont will discuss the preservation of Vermont's mountaintops.

Dr. George F. Parton, Jr., Middlebury's medical director will discuss the medical implications of air pollution at 3:00. At 3:30 a panel concerned with solutions to environmental decay will take place. Vincent H. Malmstrom, Geography professor, John Wenders, assistant professor of Economics, Bruce Grindal, assistant professor of Anthropology and Wayne H. Bell, associate in biology will participate in the discussion. The day's events will be brought to a close with a speech by Gov. Deane Davis at 7:30 Wednesday evening in Mead Chapel.

Anti-Pollution Center

Throughout the day, an information center will be set up on

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Senate Approves New Form Of Student Representation; Referendum Planned

The Student Senate voted last Wednesday to replace itself with eight students who will serve as members, four voting and four non-voting, of the College Council.

These eight students will be elected by and from the entire student body and they will then elect a chairman and vice chairman from among themselves, as well as choosing the voting members of College Council.

At least three of the student representatives will be underclassmen. The responsibilities of this group will include allocation of the student activities fee, election of students to faculty committees, organization of forums for students concerned about a given issue, and participation in College Council meetings.

The Senate motion, which was passed unanimously, must now be approved by a majority of those who take part in a student referendum on the issue, voting in the referendum will take place in Proctor Hall next Thursday between nine and two o'clock, and five and seven o'clock.

If the motion is passed in the referendum, candidates for the eight positions will be required to submit position papers to box 810 by Friday, May 1. These will be posted until the next Wednesday, when elections will be held.

Karla Baehr, Senate Chairman, has pointed out that the only final decisions the Senate has made this year involved approving the student activities budget, electing students to faculty committees, approving parietal hours and deciding to restrict off campus living.

The first two functions could be handled by fewer people, the Senate agreed, and the parietal proposals from dorm councils could be handled by the Dean's office.

The only real policy decision, Karla felt, was the restriction of off-campus living privileges.

She argued that it had been considered final only because it was acceptable to the administration, and suggested that if the decision had been to relax off-campus living restrictions it would have been overruled.

The Senate action was also based on the assumption that new college governance proposals will be introduced by next spring. Thus, the eight member group is seen as a temporary student government.

Faculty To Vote
EPC Proposes Change In Group Requirements

By CIDDY ARING

The Educational Policy Committee will submit a proposal for the abolition of distribution requirements to the faculty at its meeting on April 20. The EPC feels that the current distribution requirements do not fulfill the educational objectives for which they were devised. The Committee believes that "abolition constitutes a necessary first step towards the adoption of a new pattern or structure of undergraduate education to meet those objectives defined by such phrases as 'general education,' 'liberal education,' and 'non-specialized curriculum.' " Therefore, the EPC will submit a study document to the faculty which presents a new structure of education, centered on freshman year and continuing into the upper class years as well.

The study document, although written substantially by Dean of the College Dennis O'Brien, is the product of an EPC subcommittee that was asked to come up with a recommendation about distribution requirements. The programs presented in the document still maintain the validity of the educational principle that lies behind the distribution requirements, yet they propose a better means of carrying into effect the ideal of a broad education. Although the document is still undergoing a great deal of study, and thus its proposed programs will probably not be put into effect before the school year 1971-1972, the EPC has voted almost unanimously in favor of the proposal to abolish the distribution requirements for that year. The EPC believes that no distribution requirements are better than those that exist today.

Ironically, the abolition of the distribution requirements was first proposed to the EPC by the Division of National Sciences. Both departments likely to be most affected by the abolition of requirements (Sciences and Foreign Languages) voted in favor of the proposal.

Dean O'Brien hopes that the proposed freshman program would change "the sociology and rhythm of learning in the freshman year," and offer to the student a diversity of intellectual matter and method. O'Brian feels that the freshman year should differ greatly in quality, approach, and style.

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Students Issue Statement Critical Of College Goals

By John Bell

After several large meetings and broad discussion of individual ideas, the Student Investigating Committee has come out with its first policy statement, "A Vote of No-Confidence" in the College. The "Vote of No-Confidence" calls for a re-definition of the college, and greater independence for students.

After inconclusive debates on the specific direction of SIC, a group of a dozen SIC members decided last Monday to issue the statement as a public expression of SIC's dissatisfaction with the present direction of the college.

The Committee timed the statement to appear before the faculty meeting Monday afternoon to show student support of various Educational Policy Committee proposals scheduled for debate. The proposals include Dean O'Brien's freshman program and the liberalization or elimination of divisional requirements.

Cunnie Wesson, head of the Committee, stated at an SIC meeting that an "overview" — an intensive investigation of every area of the college subsociety should preclude specific action for change. The SIC in part has modeled its goals after the in-depth Magaziner Report of Brown University, a student-initiated survey of Brown that resulted in radical reform of the University's curriculum.

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Green-Up Scheduled Tomorrow

A massive one-day assault on litter lining the highways of Vermont will be launched tomorrow by an army of volunteer citizens led by Governor Deane C. Davis.

The volunteers will work in groups in two hour shifts on predetermined state, county, and local roads picking up rubbish and discarded bottles and cans.

The cleanup squads will be supported by county and state highway equipment that will haul the refuse to nearby dumps.

Local Green-Up Squads

Locally, Middlebury residents interested in aiding the project should report to Middlebury Union High School. Beginning at eight o'clock tomorrow morning, there will be coordinators there who will assign people to various tasks.

The Environmental Quality Group is offering a keg of beer to the dormitory and fraternity house which has the largest percentage of participants.

State Police, civil defense units, sheriffs and local law enforcement groups will handle traffic and coordinate safety pro-

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the same time stimulated the questions themselves and my evaluation of my education. In any case, questions are fine things to begin with, but we must begin now to make some definite suggestions and find our direction. I am very interested in any opinion concerning these and related matters and would enjoy rapping with anybody who's interested.

Jane Smyth

Rifle Match

Tht Rifle Club won the intramural rifle matches two weeks ago by defeating an independent team by a score of 1208 to 1039. The members of the rifle club team are Bob Badger, Wayne Walch, Matt Morrow, Chris Cartwright and George Schirtzinger.

The independent's team consisted of Sheldon Bickford, Al Blum, Chuck Blankmeyer, Jeff Clark and Silvio Calabi. To reach the finals, the independents defeated the ROTC team and the rifle club defeated PKT.

After the first round of competition, Bob Badger, of the rifle club, and Shawn Keenan of PKT were tied for individual high with 264 each. In a run off match, Bob Badger won with a score of 268.

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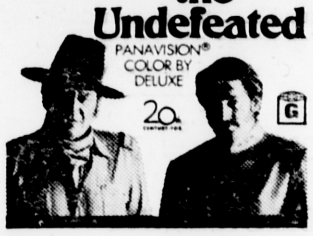

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Following the fraternity spring rush which will be held this weekend, the fraternity houses will be closed to independents and freshmen who have not joined a house. This restriction includes parties as well as all other times. Invited guests are the only exception to this rule. The individual houses will establish their own guest policies.

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Satirical Review Saturday

A satirical revue of New York life, **Urban Blight,** will be presented by the Columbia University Theatre Troupe Saturday night. The Troupe is made up of graduate students of the Theatre Arts Division of the Columbia School of Arts and the revue was conceived and staged by a member of the faculty there, Isaiah Sheffer.

The revue will include works by such humorists, authors and songwriters as Jules Feiffer, Langston Hughes, Ogden Nash, Eric Bentley, John Claude Van Itallie, Woodie Guthrie and Mario Proccacino.

Urban Blight will be performed tomorrow night at 8:15 in Wright. Tickets are $1.50 for students, $2.00 for others.

New Trustees Selected

Robert B. Rivel, of Westfield, N. J., an executive vice-president and executive officer of Chase Manhattan Bank's portfolio and investment banking department, has been elected to the Middlebury College Board of Trustees, L. Douglas Meredith, chairman, announced Monday.

The investment banker was named a term trustee on the Middlebury Board at its April meeting. The new trustee also holds directorships in Berkshire Life Insurance Company, the Central Savings Bank of New York City and the James Y. Lee Foundation and is a member of the Investment Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States and the Investment Committee for the New York State Teachers Retirement System.

A native of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. Rivel was graduated from Middlebury College in 1942 with a B.A. degree. Following service during World War II as an officer in the U. S. Navy, he received an M.A. from Columbia University in 1947.

Russian Chorus Tonight

The Yale Russian Chorus will apear in concert tonight at 8:30 in Mead Chapel. The group will sing liturgical music of the Russian Orthodox Church as well as songs from Russian, Bulgaria and Latvia. The performance is sponsored by the Russian Club.

Jayne Mansfield Movie

Correction: **The Girl Can't Help It** (a classic 1950's Rock and Roll movie starring Jayne Mansfield, Alan Freed, Little Richard, The Platters, Gene Vincent and Eddie Cochran) will be shown this Sunday night, April 19, at 8:00 in Dana Auditorium instead of **The Battle of Algiers** as was announced in "The Weekly News Calendar." Admission will be 50 cents.

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77 Of 400 Reply To College Council Poll On Variety Of Campus Issues

Statement from Dean Wonnacott:

The following is a summary of the results of the recent poll conducted by the College Council. A random sample of 400 students was invited to respond; 77 did (45 women, 32 men). So, though the results are not statistically significant, they are interesting. There were too many comments to fully note here. Any interested students can look at actual questionnaires in the Dean's office.

1. On academic requirements: 34 in favor of eliminating requirements; 47 were in favor of altering requirements (the most commonly proposed alteration was requiring 3 out of the 4 present distribution requirements and having a science course geared for non-majors).

2. On student activities and publications: a majority felt all fulfill a useful function. **Campus:** majority felt **Campus** should have wider coverage of campus events; weekly calendar should not be necessary; less political coverage in **The Campus. WRMC:** comment overwhelmingly favorable. **Kaleidoscope:** smaller, cheaper, less formal, involve more students.

b. On student salaries: On **Campus, WRMC,** overwhelmingly yes; **Kaleidoscope,** majority yes.

c. On Political groups (e. g. March on Washington, Young Republicans) receiving senate funds; great majority said "no" on regular basis — only when sponsoring event of general interest.

d. On social service groups (e. g. YOU, Midd Forum) receiving senate funds; great majority said "yes" because our students also receive great benefit from this.

3. On special interest groups (e. g. BSMU, Christian Fellowship) receiving senate funds; great majority "no" except when sponsoring an event of general interest.

Student Life

3. On Athletic program: 54 in favor of maintaing present varsity sports; 17 in favor of adding sports (swimming and wrestling); 18 in favor of dropping some sports (football and golf).

4. On Dogs and Cats in dorms: 46 yes (almost all qualified by provision of owner responsibility); 21 no.

5. Need for expanded professional counseling service: 56 yes, 16 no.

6. Personally felt need of professional counselling service: 26 yes, 49 no.

7. Most students discuss personal problems with a student friend.

Dorms

8. On dorm living: a. Maintain present system: Men, 1; women, 14.

b. Same system for freshmen women as presently for freshmen men: Men 5, women 13.

c. Classes evenly distributed in all dorms: Men 10, women 7.

d. Freshmen men in a separate dorm: Men 9, women 11.

e. Seniors in a separate dorm: Men 1, women 6.

f. Have some coed dorms: Men 19, women 30.

9. Would you live in a coed dorm: Men 16, women 29.

10. Most felt drug policy is clear and adequate.

11. Most felt junior counselor-fellow system is effective.

12. Most felt freshman advising is ineffective; some suggested advisor in department of student's academic interest.

13. Majority think dorm councils are effective governing bodies in dormitories.

14. On irritating factors in dorm living: noise, heat, isolation, PA system, lack of hot water, dogs and cats. Suggestions for improving above: carpeting, cooking units, smaller housing units, block drawing, intra-murals.

15. On interest in craft center: 55 yes. Most frequently mentioned: pottery, woodworking, weaving, photography. Most willing to pay extra fee.

16. On fraternities: 8 belonged; 17 didn't plan to join; 4 might; 21 men and 18 women in favor of continuing fraternities; 2 men and 4 women not in favor of continuing fraternities.

17. On most valuable part of academic program: 35, winter term; 22, major; 8, distribution requirements.

18. On academic load: 28 too heavy; 5 too light; 41 OK.

Curriculum Committee Raises Policy Issues

By ROBERT METZGER

After two rigorous sessions of debate, the Curriculum Committee approved in principle a new course entitled "Current American Problems" and passed on to the Educational Policy Committee a number of unprecedented recommendations that developed from the consideration of the course proposal.

Sent to the Curriculum Committee with the unanimous approval of the Social Science Division, the course as passed calls for an interdisciplinary, primarily student-taught, analysis of selected social problems in contemporary America.

Four Issues

A number of issues of educational policy arose from the discussions about the proposed course, and though the committee did not feel it was empowered to make any final decisions on these matters, it did sense a clear obligation not to ignore them. Three issues dealing specifically with the "American Problems" course and one larger question were considered by the Curriculum Committee and then passed on to the EPC for further action.

The first problem that arose was the question of student teaching. Although it appeared to a majority of the Committee that the rationale behind the methodology of the course was more a lack of available qualified faculty members and less an endorsement of the overall principles of student-teaching, the Committee suggested that the EPC study the principle in question while indicating its own studied support.

The "American Problems" course, if passed by the faculty, would rely on a small number of students who would serve as leaders of discussion sections. As proposed, the course called for these students to be "trained" in their particular field (either "the American defense establishment," "race and poverty in America," or "the ecological crisis") during the Winter Session previous to the semester in which the course itself would

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Editorial

Thoughts on Apollo:

Bringing our Moonstruck Nation Back To Earth

The most conspicuous scientific and technical achievements of our time — nuclear bombs, rockets, computers — are all direct products of war, and are still being promoted for military and political ends that would shrivel under rational examination and candid moral appraisal. The moon-landing program is no exception: it is a symbolic act of war . . .

The program serves more than one purpose. From a military standpoint, it was deliberately planned as a means of swiftly perfecting the equipment of total extermination — the strategic goal toward which our entire megatechnic power system, in the lethal grip of the "myth of the machine," is now pointed.

The secondary purpose of space exploration, which commends it to our affluent society, is to support on an even more exorbitant scale the military-industrial-scientific establishment and maintain the current rates of industrial expansion and financial inflation.

In order to achieve both military power and economic prosperity, every other human enterprise must either be trimmed to meet their needs or abandoned. It is no accident that the moon landing coincides with cutbacks in education, the bankruptcy of hospital services, housing programs and the welfare system, and the mounting defilement of the urban and natural environment, to say nothing of many other evidences of gross social failure and human deterioration.

In order to make this misappropriation of public funds and human energies acceptable, the space agency has turned the moon landing program into a national sporting event whose excitement is augmented by the fact that, as in speed racing, it provides a morbid thrill in the ever present possibility of spectacularly violent death.

To further mask the real nature of this enterprise, the promoters of space exploration have made the credulous and scientifically uninformed believe that a better future may await mankind on the sterile moon, or an even more life - hostile Mars — as if a change of scene would bring our sick rulers and their still acquiescent victims back to health.

If a successful moon landing leads to a further expansion of space exploration, with a further drain on more important human enterprises and a further neglect of the conditions essential for human survival and development, we may look forward to a corresponding increase in social demoralization and psychological regression.

Only a return to full waking consciousness, with an overwhelming transfer of interest from our dehumanizing technology to the human person, will suffice to bring our moonstruck nation back to earth. Meanwhile, thanks to the very triumphs of technology, the human race hovers on the edge of catastrophe.

— Lewis Mumford, Historian and Urbanologist

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Eco-Activists Fear Thermal Polution At Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant

Editor's Note: The following is a statement issued by Environmental Quality explaining its opposition to the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant now being built at Vernon, Vt. Environmental Quality, along with other conservation and ecology groups in the state, is sponsoring a demonstration at the plant tomorrow.

We are a group of concerned citizens that oppose nuclear power plants. We stand united to stop the construction of the Vermont Yankee Plant in Vernon, Vermont.

The Atomic Energy Commission and the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Power have kept many of the most alarming facts hidden from the public. We firmly believe, along with many members of the scientific community, that nuclear power plants are becoming the greatest polluters of our environment, and will pose the greatest danger to public health, safety, and human survival on this planet.

THE DANGER OF RADIOACTIVITY

The Vernon plant will discharge "low level" radioactive waste into the air and water. Scientists now agree that any increase in present radiation levels may cause an increase in the incidences of leukemia and other types of cancer, as well as birth defects, especially within a 50 mile radius.

Women are more susceptible to the damaging effects of radioactivity than men and a developing fetus much more sensitive than an adult. The AEC does not take these factors into account in arriving at its radiation standard, nor does it take into account the fact that average exposure values have little to do with specific circumstances or to exposure to specific body cells.

These guidelines also ignore the fact that certain animals concentrate the radiation, i.e., radiation is concentrated 100 times in a cow's milk.

ACCIDENTS DO HAPPEN

Many accidents involving spills and inadvertent releases of radioactivity have already occurred in nuclear power plant. The problem of human error and technological failure is always with us. **The power plant at Vernon is particularly dangerous for several reasons: It is located at a narrow segment of the Connecticut River where, for much of the year, the rate of flow of the river is insufficient to supply the plant with enough cooling water.**

To compensate for this the plant will rely in part upon the Vernon Dam built in 1913. This decision was made without a physical examination of the Dam. The dam lies in an active earthquake zone where small but frequent shocks have been reported. In the event that the cooling water supply to the plant should fail, either because of an earthquake or because the dam breaks, the cores containing the uranium inside the power plant will melt and fuse. This means the closing of the plant and could mean the sudden dumping of much of the accumulated radioactive wastes into the Connecticut River and in the air.

About 65% of the time the prevailing winds blow from south to north through Vermont. Thus any radioactivity emitted from the exhaust stock would probably be carried over from Brattleboro, a population center of more than 12,000 people.

The Vermont Yankee Plant is the largest Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) to have ever been built. It is thus in many respects an experiment. Experience with smaller BWR's has shown that they release progressively more radioactivity during each successive year of operation. Most of the 21 BWR's built so far to provide electricity have either been shut down or are operating sporadically, far below their maximum capacity, because of a variety of technical problems.

The installation of cooling towers at the Vernon plant is not an unmixed blessing. Fog conditions prevail about 30% of the year in the Vernon area. The plant will create more fog, especially during the fall and spring. These fogs will increase the dangers from the radioactive releases by creating and maintaining temperature inversions, which

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Proctor terrace, where important anti-pollution bills will be described and 6 cent stamps sold to those who wish to write to their congressmen urging prompt anti-pollution action.

Earth Day will end a month of anti-pollution activity including a demonstration at the site of the Vernon nuclear power plant, and Governor Davis' "Green-Up Day," scheduled for April 18, when students will devote time to clearing litter from the Vermont landscape.

Study of Otter Creek

In Middlebury, Environmental Quality is currently planning a study of the water quality of Otter Creek, (into which local businesses have apparently been dumping untreated sewage) and a "Solid Waste Survey" conducted in an effort to determine what methods of waste disposal are being used in the dump north of town.

Gov. Deane C. Davis

Environmental Quality hopes that Earth Day, along with these other measures, will lead to increased knowledge and concern on the part of the public in regard to the threat of increased pollution, as well as increased action by the legislature of Vermont, one of the leading states in the anti-pollution drive.

Disappointment

A spokesman for the group has expressed disappointment in the College faculty and administration because of their poor response to the program. Out of 115 invitations extended to professors and administrative personnel to speak, only 28 were answered. "The general attitude," he said, "seems to be, 'It's a fine job you're doing, fellows, but don't let it get in my way.'"

Further, although the number of colleges participating in Earth Day is more than twice that of those involved in the Moratorium of October 15th, neither administration nor faculty has made any move to cancel classes or promote participation in the program. The college council, one E.Q. member concluded, seems "singularly unimpressed" with the coming of Earth Day, which seeks to solve a problem "just as real and as pressing as Viet Nam."

MyLai

was where the massacre occurred,
where the murder happened,
when in hot March a hamlet
huddled to die.

Boots came sucking from the wood
to catch the unarmed unarmed,
mothers lulled with the
music of their chores,
aged men creased like bark,
young girls unexpecting;
the killers came
as noisy birds fled flapping
from a circle of red, lifting
like smoke above the gradual scream.

Boots brought bullets
whining through the reedy huts,
drilled the hundred bodies clean
when they folded like flags in the mud,
did not halt for one
who held forever in her belly
as she burst.
Two tried running, but
their slow legs bent like twigs.
They were small and
ridiculous when they flopped
in the tall grass.

the stained grasses of My Lai, where
the murder happened,
where the massacre occurred.

Bruce Morgan

Letters To The Editor

McCarthy and the New Politics

To the Editor:

Robert Metzger's review of three memoirs of the McCarthy campaign, including Senator McCarthy's own account, combined a sensitive personal sketch with a perceptive critical analysis of the political movement which gave rise to the New Politics in America. Drawing on Jeremy Larner's Book, **Nobody Knows: Reflections on the McCarthy Campaign of 1968**, Mr. Metzger concludes his article with the observation that 1968 was the year that "began radiant with promise and ended with the election of the antithesis of New Politics — Nixon and Agnew."

Acquired Insight

Senator McCarthy is characterized as an essentially a-political man, an "anti-hero" "aspiring for the great office, while holding in contempt the process through which it is attained." He is "the prophet" and "the duty of the flock (is) to listen and obey and not to question the words of the deity." Of the staff members, including himself, Mr. Metzger writes: "But we were all 'true believers' for I think everyone felt that the Senator had something intangible — some fundamental understanding that was beyond our comprehension — that explained everything."

I suggest that whatever there was about Senator McCarthy that was beyond your comprehension, Mr. Metzger, you have demonstrated an acute understanding of the man in his campaign. Furthermore if the energies of the intelligent and politically active of your generation are to be put to constructive use, you must face up to the consequences of your newly acquired insight.

Ethic Of Ends

Weber, to whom you referred in discussing McCarthy, distinguished the ethic of ends from the ethic of responsibility. With that distinction he meant to indicate the price involved in entering the political arena. He taught what you know and what McCarthy either did not know or knew and refused to act on, namely, that a politician must "descend from (the) philosopic-poetic clouds to dirty his feet in the grime of the actual political world."

Weber reminds us that as long as we hold to the political first principle that all men are created equal, the only way to gain the power to govern is by gaining the consent of the governed, and that this requires a willingness to campaign to win, which in turn requires a healthy amount of ambition, a love of political action and a love of fame. Weber supplies us with only half the lesson from the McCarthy campaign, however; for the other half we must turn to your own experience with and description of McCarthy.

Good Politics

If self government is to be enlightened and if it is to persist, then we need political leaders who can and will give rational and persuasive arguments to support their sound policies, not prophetic and mystical pronouncements. Charismatic leaders, to use another of Weber's terms which is in a way appropriate to McCarthy, need not be democrats, and even if they are, their very rejection of reasoned argument and their demand for unquestioned allegiance insures that no one else will participate in politics.

I conclude by returning to the antithesis between the New Politics and Nixon and Agnew. If McCarthy symbolized the New Politics, and if he disdained self-government and reasoned argument, we must look elsewhere for a New Politics that is good politics. We must look to other men who have the ambition of President Nixon, along with a better understanding of how to get popular consent, for those men and those measures that can best serve the public interest.

Political Insensitivity

That disdain for political activity and for self-government persists as a characteristic of the New Politics was illustrated by Miss Barbara Sullivan's comments (last week's letter to the editor) about student anti-war activity in Middlebury and their insensitivity to the attitudes and feelings of the townspeople. If we wish to avoid the McCarthy error of thinking that "the duty of the flock is to listen and obey and not to question the words of the deity," we might begin by reintroducing reasoned arguments into the political discussions and activities and pertaining to our own college and town communities. Toward that objective, the Campus, in this last semester, has made a major contribution.

Murray Dry
Political Science

Whose Ruling Class Ass?

To the Editor:

This letter is addressed primarily to the young man pictured in last week's "Campus," carrying the sign, "Kick the Ass of the Ruling Class."

Did it even OCCUR to him that he was insulting his own father and mother? They must belong to the "ruling class" (i. e., Establishment?) or he wouldn't even be in Middlebury.

The point being made here, is that if he is a man and not a wet behind the ears juvenile, he should PUBLICLY apologize to his parents, as well as the parents of his friends and fellow-students.

A PROTESTING GRANDPARENT

Student Senate: A Dead Horse?

To the Editors:

I have to plead guilty to the fact that am a freshman and that I have only been at Middlebury for a month and a half. However, during that time I have seen a great deal here, and there is an old saying where I come from to the effect that you don't have to eat all of a dead horse to know that it is going to taste bad. And likewise, you don't have to attend Middlebury for three or four years before you see errors and injustices. By the way, the subject of dead horses immediately suggests that moribund but still unburied group, the Student Senate.

PLOSH

The mere mention of that fatuous organization infuriates any intelligent individual and makes me want to cry "PLOSH" to such a callow throsel. But, no such luck.

The Student Senate is an interesting group. They or it have demonstrated a tremendous lack of control and a frequent inability to conduct even the most elementary business. Or sometimes, any business at all. Such was the case on the fifteenth of last month when a very important meeting was called and a quorum failed to appear. The absence of a quorum seems to be a recurring ailment for the Middlebury Student Senate, and it only contributes to the general inefficiency and ineffectuality of this debating society which is supposed to be representing and serving the students. Neither of which functions it performs very well.

Action Not Words

These are times which demand action and not words. The Senate attempts to deal with the Administration and cannot make up its collective befuddled mind as to what should be done. The Senate should be emphasizing the trite but very true fact that college exists for the benefit of its students and not the other way around. Yet for some strange reason a peculiar inversion has taken place and the students have become, for all intents and purposes, subservient to the collegiate machine.

The Student Senate is either hypnotized by the rhetoric of the New Left or the Right because very little is being done to correct this basic and overriding fault.

I can recommend going to a Senate meeting if there is nothing funny on television.

Bill Wood

Buffalo Faculty Defense Fund

To the Editor:

I would like to draw the attention of this community to certain ominous occurrences at the State University of New York at Buffalo. The following account of these occurences takes the form of a paraphrase of (and quotation from) a hand-out distributed by the Buffalo Faculty Defense Fund:

As a result of a series of disturbances (such as window glass breakage) starting, apparently, on Feb. 25th the Acting President of SUNY-B, Peter Regan, invited 400 policemen onto the campus on March 8th.

Fact-Finding Commission

"That same day, an interim fact-finding commission, recognized and supported by the administration, released its report

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Untitled

Swan wild beaten wing,
Native wicked in the night,
Your silence turns my mind
Into troubled brick yard ways —
Racketing through a crusty madness
From no forests formed.

Come!
The night is warm.
Come!
Skies lend their dark.
Come!
Your eyes flash my truth . . .

We will not lie lonely in the night;
Our breaths will mingle.
Our curse will die outside the walls
Built in cons past by fur
And longing howl to baying moon . . . .

It purls through the wood
Bathing all in its release
From the curse of too long longing
For the hard promised soft palmed Springs . . . .

Come!
We have waited too long.
Come!
Springtime claws upon the reversed wall.
Come!
Your inborn promise seeks for words.

— George Matteson

FLYING ZONKERS: Pictured above with their newly won "Full-Wing Pilot Badges" are Senior ROTC cadets (l. to r.) Paul Bohlen, Lawrence Colvin, Stuart Parnes, and Jeff Sturges. The cadets received their wings upon completion of the Army ROTC flight program, which also qualifies them for fixed-wing pilots' licenses.

Baseball Loses Opener To Wesleyan, Coach Forbes Discusses The Game

By NAT AYER

Last Monday the Burlington Free Press neatly laid out Middlebury athletics in three short articles set beside each other. The tennis team was squashed 9-0 at Wesleyan as the baseball team was edged out 5-4 on another section of the Middletown campus.

Starter Mike Goldberger and John Tuohy built up a 4-3 lead going into the ninth inning, but with one out the Cardinals got the winning run off Ed Miller on a squeeze bunt. Freshman Chuck Albrycht was the major source of Panther hitting with two singles that drove in three runs.

Coach Wendy Forbes' club is playing four games in five days this week. The players are a versatile group, many having to play two positions. Mike Goldberger is the best pitcher, but when he isn't minding the mound he's in the outfield. John Tuohy is much the same, switching from pitcher to first base. Barry Metayer handles both first and third bases.

Jake Gilhooley is guarding the plate again this spring. Frank Badger is taking second base, and Dave Norton is repeating at shortstop. The outfield is manned by freshmen Bob Screen, Fred Burditt, and Chuck Albrycht, from left to right, while the remaining frosh, Keith Oberg, Chip Devereaux, and Dave Simpson substitute in the infield.

A Talk With Wendy

Dartmouth, Amherst, Vermont, Norwich, MIT are the schools Wendy cited as the toughest on the schedule. He seemed generally optimistic about the season, saying that the schedule was good, with a lot of tough games, that the players were pretty good and wanted to play, and the weather looked good. But he went on to say, though, that his team was far behind the other teams it'll play. Wesleyan, for instance, had just returned from a Mexican tour. Those teams that don't go on a southern tour at least have the facility of an indoor cage where they can start hitting and fielding in February.

Wendy believes baseball to be the hardest game to play well, because it is more dependent on the performance of individual players. Skill is henceforth the most necessary quality, and there isn't much chance to develop it in Middlebury, or, according to Coach Forbes, in the northeast. He recalled the days when he played for Middlebury (he, plus six others out of the nine men on his team, went on to play professionally!) when there were many summer leagues where one could improve skills and earn one's tuition fees as well. Most of the good ball-teams now are in the southwest, where the clubs play a 75 game schedule. But that's with fall ball as well, and here at Middlebury his players are restricted to not only one season, but to the good weather as well for lack of a cage.

Midd Rifle Club Forms

By BOB BADGER

The Middlebury College Rifle Club is now a reality. After several months of hard work on the part of interested students, the club is firmly established on the campus. On Wednesday, March 18th, the club was officially recognized by the Student Senate as an extra-curricular activity.

Plans are now underway for obtaining membership affiliation with the NRA and the director of civilian marksmanship in the nation's capitol. These affiliations will enable the rifle club to obtain target rifles, ammunition and related range equipment on loan without cost to the club.

At the last formal rifle club meeting, elections were held with the following results: President, Shawn Keenan, '71; vice president, Bob Badger, '73; and secretary - treasurer, Wayne Walch, '73. Rifle club faculty sponsors are Dr. Robert Gleason and Paul Pietrzak.

The rifle club is open to all students and faculty and staff members of Middlebury College, male and female. Members are eligible to earn marksmanship awards through the NRA. Licensed instructors are on-range at all times to assist.

Practice has been held for the past three weeks with excellent attendance. Hours of operation are from 2 to 4 p. m. on Mondays, 1 to 4 p. m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and beginning April 16th, Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 p. m.

The range is located on the second floor, rear of the Field House. Matches are now being scheduled with the University of Vermont and Norwich University. The club has twenty-nine paid members, with more students showing an interest as the weeks go by. Dues for the remainder of this spring semester are $1.00, with no extra charge on-range for use of rifles and other equipment, including ammunition.

SIC Statement: Vote Of No Confidence In College

The following is the text of the S.I.C. statement:

S.I.C. — A VOTE OF NO - CONFIDENCE

Realizing at this point in time that Middlebury College is functioning in a manner that is out-dated and static, we the undersigned must declare our dissatisfaction with the directions, methods and in fact the very definition of the College. We believe it is time for the College as a community to stop, redefine itself, and if necessary re-direct its energy both in attitude and practice. We must commit ourselves to the concepts of self-evaluation and self-realization in an attempt to control our total intellectual, social and physical environment.

The present situation forces the student to accept an unrealistic dependence on the College for his basic existence. It is with this dependence which runs counter to the needs of a human being in modern society, we take issue. This dependence takes the following forms:

1) dependence on the Trustees and Administration for the overall direction of the College's financial priorities and admission policies for faculty and students.

2) dependence on pre-defined and inflexible educational structures.

3) dependence on the College for establishing life-styles and living conditions.

Some specific issues we protest are student impotence in College governance, inconsistent tenure policy, undesirable housing and dining facilities, discriminatory admissions policies, antiquated grading systems, inflexible curriculum, a misleading public image, and the inability of the College to take advantage of the rural environment.

We support Dean's O'Brien's proposals concerning freshman year, the major's program and distributional requirements. We see them as a first step toward creating a more viable intellectual environment, but we believe the College community must commit itself to the total re-examination encompassing the social and physical as well as the intellectual aspects of its environment.

Bernard Wesson
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Bill Sheperdson
John Hoffman
Xenia Urban
Barbara Sullivan
John Bell
David Kunhardt
Jane Smythe
Jack D. Kartez
Mike Tewillinger
Paul Lehman

SIC . . .

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Immediate Action?

Other members of the group have suggested that the SIC should instead concentrate on immediate action to produce administrative change.

In line with these goals, the Committee intends to strengthen the bond between students and faculty who hold many of the same ideas on the need for reform. In future meetings, the SIC plans to discuss with faculty members the faults of Middlebury and the new directions the College should be taking.

Green-Up...

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cedures in re-routing motorists away from highways blocked by the cleanup effort.

Motorists entering the state will be informed of the operation, advised to proceed with caution, given litterbags, and diplomatically reminded of their key role in keeping Vermont highways litter-free.

Vital Role

Schools will play a vital role by serving as day-care centers, and as points of embarkation where cleanup teams will assemble and be transported to and from their respective road assignments.

Governor Davis will spend a portion of the day in a National Guard helicopter or airplane viewing and participating in the Green Up blitz throughout the state.

Vermont sportsmen clubs have been enlisted to clean up refuse and junk dumped into the state's streams, rivers and lakes.

Davis estimates that up to $500,000 of Vermont taxpayer's money can be saved yearly through annual massive cleanup efforts on state and local levels.

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Laxmen Lose Home Opener, 1-4
Hess Has Problems On Offense

By SANDY HOLLIS

The 1970 Middlebury College Varsity Lacrosse team was finally unveiled to the home crowd with their first home game, played against Wesleyan. It was Midd's fifth game of the season, with two of those being listed as official scrimmages. The Panthers did not perform as well as hoped for and dropped the home game 3 to 2. This was the fourth straight loss after their initial victory over Castleton State College.

The second scrimmage was against Princeton nearly two weeks ago, where Blue laxmen lost to one of the East's outstanding teams, eight to nothing. The team however, was optimistic as the defense was fantastic in holding the potent offense of the Tigers to only eight goals. The first official game was against Adelphi where Midd was again outshone on the offensive end of the field. They could not seem to muster any form of attack with Veej Gooding showing fantastic reactions in the nets. Against Union, the Panthers nearly claimed their first victory. Falling behind early in the first period on three quick goals, Middlebury rallied back for two goals and dominated the play for the entire second half. Once again, Gooding was the outstanding player, keeping Midd close in the first half and stopping several breakaways early in the second half.

In the first home game, Middlebury's offense again sputtered. Only sophomore Dito Staley was able to pierce the tight defense of the visiting team from Connecticut. V. G. had his best afternoon in the goal, making many times what appeared to be impossible saves. His fine play, together with a fine defensive effort spearheaded by Dave Pierson and Chris Grejtak, managed to break up several strong Wesleyan scoring bids.

In the final period, trailing three to one, Bobby Israel scooped a loose ball in front of the Red net past the Wesleyan goalie. And finally in the closing seconds, a penalty gave Midd a man advantage, and attackman Bill Berry fired a solid shot just missing the crease as the game ended.

Coach Bill Hess, inheriting a team which finished second in New England last year, but lost 12 seniors, including two All-Americans, has had his problems finding a solid offensive midfield and another attackman to pair with Staley. His longings may have been solved with the reinstatement of one member of last year's team. Rick Moore, last year's goalie will probably be used at attack where his knowledge of the corners of the net can be a help. He will complement the fine stick handling of captain Jeff Sturges and senior Peter Egginton.

The difference between a smart person and an intelligent individual is that the latter knows when not to appear smart.

Dogs 'n 'Cats

The following is a statement from the Dean's office:

ON DOGS AND CATS

In the last few years we've in effect overlooked the "no pet" rule with the knowledge that for some students a dog or cat serves a very pleasant role and in the hope that consideration and restraint would prevail. However, it hasn't worked. What has been a pleasure for a few has been a drag for many — some allergic, some terrified, some offended by messes and smells.

Also with notable exceptions, we've managed to produce a large flock of neurotic animals.

Beginning in September, the rule will be enforced stringently. There will be a heavy fine system. The rule is that no dogs or cats will be permitted to live in the dormitories, nor any other animal that is not in a self-contained small enclosure. In other words, goldfish and guppies will not be prosecuted.

Remember, it's never too late to make new resolutions.

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Letters To The Editor...

Defense Fund...

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on the events of February 25. That report stated that the administration, by its own acts of commission and omission, carried a heavy burden of responsibility for the tension and sporadic violence which disrupted our campus between February 25 and March 8. The administration ignored the report."

On March 11th, at a special meeting of the Faculty Senate, the Acting President announced that he was planning a "phased withdrawal" of the police and the faculty demanded the immediate withdrawal of all the police. But the "overwhelming" faculty vote was ignored and the following day violance flared between students and police.

Open Discussion

"They hoped to express their convictions that the time had come for open discussion, that the campus required a direct response from the administration concerning the pressing issues still facing us, that they no longer would allow the acting president to disregard the needs of the campus while he played to the inflamed instincts of the surrounding community. Within less than an hour they had all been arrested.

"All forty-five were charged with 1. Criminal contempt (up to one year in prison and $1000 fine); 2. Criminal trespass (up to 3 mos. in prision and a $500 fine); 3. Civil contempt of the New York Supreme Court (up to 6 months in prison and a $250 fine).

Criminal Trespassers

That such a show of concern should be interpreted as contempt and that faculty members quietly meeting on university premises should be regarded as criminal trespassers reveals how grim conditions here now are."

I was a student at Buffalo last year and have nothing but love for the University there. We all agree, presumably that armed police have no business on campus. Nor, of course, do window smashers. But the latter must be dealt with by the other members of the campus community. The actions of the Buffalo 45 (those few known to me personally could, for what it's worth, by no means of the imagination be considered 'radicals') demonstrate a healthy awareness of this.

Defense Funds

I urge everyone to send contributions to: Friends of the Hayes Hall 45, Defense Fund, 131 High Park Boulevard, Buffalo, New York 14226.

Trying to choose my words carefully I nevertheless must say that, in my view, conviction of these men would be a disastrous setback. They surely deserve all the support they can get.

Fraternally,
Gary Watson

Frats And SDU'S Half-Truths

To the Editor:

For the past three issues, readers of the Campus have been exposed to some rather rhetorical writing on the issue of fraternities and the SDU's. These one-sided views have been based, for the most part, on half-truths — arguments without any foundation.

Messrs. Glassman and Miller seem to be paranoid about the decline of the fraternity system — especially since they see the administration (that omni-present scapegoat) behind such a movement. To my mind, the only thing that will defeat the frats, is the frats themselves and their "weekend beer blasts" (Samp).

SDU's

Contrary to John Larkin's feelings, freshmen have never been "brainwashed with the advantages (note his choice of words) of the SDU's." The choice is an independent one— no propaganda campaigns are waged.

Obviously, there are benefits in both systems. I prefer to contract with the Dining Room as if offers a greater choice of places to eat and with whom. I can eat — not continually cooped up with the same faces, talking about the same things, day after monotous day. Surely this is the truly independent system.

Ridiculous Statement

And Eric Samp's statement that the college governs the SDU member's social, eating and sleeping life is, needless to say, ridiculous. The units are run entirely by students — any (even frat members!) can make suggestions and have a say in the workings. By contrast, how much access have I to a frat?

Jay Glassman may well be in the position to effect changes— but he'd better work fast. The frats need to offer something to the student — but what? I hope he is able to find out. Perhaps, though, even he is giving up, for on some days you'll find him getting fed free of charge in the SDU's — guess they can't be that bad after all.

Marshall Webb

Frats And The Unfulfilled

To the Editor:

Middlebury College is of necessity engaged in the business of education. The administration of the college must anticipate the needs of the student body, estimate the costs of these needs and carry out plans for financial support accordingly. In one particular area — that of the Social and Dining Units— the college has apparently made a grave financial error. Middlebury students, who have invested in their educations, suffer accordingly.

The Social and Dining Units were intended to provide women and independent men with an improved social atmosphere and thus to coexist with fraternities. The cost of the SDU's apparently exceeded expectations. As a result, the units must become an overwhelming success in order to gain the finances necessary to overcome the college's mistakes. The college must pour additional money into the units to insure that they remain attractive to students, even to the point of competing with fraternities.

Useful Purpose

Fraternities do serve a useful purpose at Middlebury. For one thing, they allow young men to let off steam in a friendly atmosphere at their own expense. There is always an element of college people who get drunk, break windows and basically make a mess. It is part of being young. Part of growing older is realizing that such messes must be cleaned up. Fraternity brothers clean and repair their own houses on Sunday mornings, but it appears that the members of the SDU's will have the dirty work done for them by college janitors and P-ladies.

The result is that Middlebury College will produce for society a group of dependent and irresponsible adults. It is too bad that because of mistakes in financial planning many Middlebury students will be dissuaded from the opportunities which fraternity membership provides, and some of the most important needs of college students will remain unfulfilled.

Gary Higginbottom
President, Zeta Psi

Rapping About Stagnant Midd

To the Editor:

The time has finally come when I feel that I must speak about some things which seem to me undeniable necessities. The Class of 1974 is in serious danger of entering a very stagnant Middlebury. We, the present population, must prevent this in two ways:

1) We must voice adamant demand for the adoption of O'Brien's proposed Freshman Program.

2) We must begin a serious student-faculty investigation of the present situation in terms of curricular, departmental, grading, tenure, social, and financial structures.

Personal Frustration

My reasons for proposing this course of action are many; my own personal frustration with my education has been growing, and I can no longer be in acquiescence with nor allow myself to be subjected to this.

The tragic irony of this year's Conference was apparent to me. While most of us will readily admit that Midd is not a Utopia of the educational process, and some will admit that they are satisfied with the system here, it took "experts" (e. e., Schwab, Kline, Conant, etc.) to put some of our own questions into a public rap. It took a student from the "Outside World" (i. e., Mark Gerzon) to express the idea that education should be for "making better people," which many here feel, but don't seem to be actualizing.

"Okay, it was said — Once again, we rapped, according to pattern we "established a dialogue," and now, according to pattern, it's back to Quietude.

But something's happening here. Wednesday, March 25, one hundred students turned out for a meeting of the Student Investigation Committee. The need is definitely here, I feel, to reappraise where our heads are at in relation to the College. The desire is strong in a few to do this, in others, muted. S. I. C. means getting together, moral support, human help, self-decided roles in the function of the investigation, and personal commitment.

Some Questions

Here are some of my questions:

1) How are the S.D.U.'s functioning in terms of the "social" aspect? What do they mean for the fraternities?

2) Why isn't there a co-op dorm on this campus?

3) Why didn't the Student Senate work? Was it due to the nature of the Students elected or was it something non-workable about their relationship to the larger realm of student-faculty - administration relationships?

4) What is going on in the tenure hassle? Is tenure in the interests of a few or for the school at large?

5) Does Middlebury really need a new field house?

6) Why is it so difficult to set up Independent Study projects for individual work or group study?

7; What does a "liberal arts education" mean, or for that matter, how does Middlebury define "education" and is it working that way?

8) How does the departmental structure relate to learning?

9) Are prerequisites necessary or just for "snob appeal?"

10) Do the results of the distribution requirements bear out their designed purpose?

11) What are Middlebury's financial priorities and who decides them?

12) Are grades a valid judgment of student performance? Why is pass-fail-honors only available during Winter Term?

13) Why is it the responsibility of professors to design Winter Term courses? Is it perhaps why the main activity for some is on the ski slopes?

Condemnation

If indeed Middlebury suffers a condemnation from me in many of the implied answers to the above questions, it has at

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Nuclear Pollution . . .

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will trap the radioactivity in the lower atmosphere.

In preparation for a possible nuclear catastrophe, the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation has prepared an EVACUATION PLAN for the town of Brattleboro. Plans for decontamination and treatment are planned for the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. In case of a bad accident, would the hospital be capable of caring for several thousand patients?

RADIOACTIVE WASTES: STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

Wastes from the Vernon plant will be shipped to a reprocessing plant. Shipping accidents have already occurred, but the effects will not be known for some time. Highly radioactive wastes are stored in huge tanks underground. These tanks, with a capacity of 300,000 to over one million gallons, currently hold 90 million gallons. One quart of this liquid, were it to get into the drinking water supply of a major city, could kill over 1 million people. Over 100 leaks have been found, one of which leaked over 60,000 gallons into the ground before it was discovered. The stored material will remain dangerously radioactive for over 1000 years. Do we have a right to endanger the lives of our descendants in this way?

NUCLEAR WARHEADS

All nuclear power plants produce plutonium. The only significant use for plutonium is in nuclear warheads. The AEC counts on there being enough nuclear warheads to supply the military with sufficient by-product plutonium to fashion 10,000-100,000 nuclear warheads per year. There is growing evidence that the nuclear plant program is being pushed as a means of getting the American taxpayer to foot the bill for the deployment of ABM and MIRV. The problem is that the production of electricity in this manner will have many fatal aspects, most of which are now unknown.

THE ATOMIC COMMISSION — PROTECTOR OF THE PUBLIC?

The AEC is the only agency in the U. S. that has the power both to regulate and to promote nuclear power plants. The AEC has a long history of irresponsibility regarding public health and safety. This history includes claims that there is no danger from nuclear fallout, from underground nuclear explosions, or from the plutonium lost during the Rocky Flats, Colorado, fire.

Protest . . .

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struction of the plant pending a review of AEC radiation standards, and a review of the role of the AEC as "both regulator and promoter" of atomic power.

Middlebury's Environmental Quality Group is helping to plan the action with other Vermont groups. A delegation of Middlebury students will attend the action, assembling at Proctor Terrace at 6:00 a. m. Transportation will be provided.

The protest has been scheduled for Green-Up Day, a spokesman for the group said, "to make the connection between cleaning up pollution and cleaning up the causes of pollution." The protestors plan to carry "Green-Up Bags" and collect litter along the march route.

Speakers at the rally include the leaders of both Vermont and National environmentaal quality organizations. Irving Lyon, chairman of the National Committee to Stop Environmental Pollution, Larry Bogart, president of the Anti-Pollution League, and Gerry James, president of the Brattleboro Anti-Pollution are scheduled to speak at the noon rally.

The theme of the demonstration is taken from a quotation of LaMont C. Cole, Professor of Ecology at Cornell, that the "rush to blanket the Northeast with nuclear power plants is one of the most dangerous and misguided steps ever taken by man." CBS television plans to cover the demonstration.

EPC Proposes Requirements Change..

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from the secondary school experience. In the study document the following proposals have been made for the freshman year:

Project Unit: Students would be given the opportunity to pursue a project of their own device. The project may range anywhere from academic or scientific research, to a proposed reading list. This project will be undertaken in the Fall or Spring term of the freshman year. The student may be allowed a postponement until his Sophomore year, or, a waiver altogether of the Project component.

Problems Course: These would be six-week problems oriented courses offered by different departments. Hopefully, these courses would get away from the "bottom to top" survey and "rhetoric to confusion" so prevalent in most introductory courses. The course will deal more with problems yet unsolved or of active controversy. O'Brien feels that the Problems Course is a much better way of getting to the student than the present "baby" courses, which are in most cases a "dispiriting introduction to College." A sample Problems Course might be " 'Mannerism' as a style of art."

Analogies Course: These interdepartmental courses would be designed to investigate the analogies and dissimilarities between different intellectual field For example, one may be entitled "Time" — covering the novels of Mann, the physics of Newton and Einstein, and musical compositions.

The freshman would also be able to take courses from the normal curriculum and would be given the option of a fifth course.

Some sort of distribution requirement would still exist. The freshman would have to take either a Problem, Project or regular course in each of the three areas: the Natural Sciences, Humanities, or Social Sciences. The study document does propose the abolition of Freshman English and the language requirements.

The EPC does not want to impose the program upon the freshmen student who may not want to follow that particular course of study. Thus, if a student is sure of his intellectual goals (e. g. a pre-med student) he may want to begin immediately with full course work, waive or postpone the Project, and conceivably not elect the Problems or Analogies courses at all.

The document also proposed an **Activities Program** — a kind of "non-intellectual requirement' encompassing areas as diverse as sports, physical education, or social work.

Upperclass Years Perspectives Program: The Perspectives program for upperclassmen is designed to give the student maximum perspectives in his proposed field of specialization by the selection of a contrasting area of study among four choices. Courses (not including the Problems courses or Projects) taken in the freshman year, transfer credits, AP credits, and Winter Terms in the upperclass years will be applicable towards the fulfillment of these requirements.

The EPC also proposes in this study document the institution of **Programs Majors** — interdepartmental and interdivisional majors — such as a "Theory, Construction and Technique" major.

Along with the study document, the EPC will submit to the faculty on April 20 a proposal to open up the 200's courses to freshmen so there will be no more "baby courses" obstacles.

The EPC has also voted on two amendments to the grading proposal submitted to the faculty last march. First, the Committee suggested that "plus" and "minus" grading be extended through to the C range. Second, they proposed that the student must designate at the time of registration whether he intends to have a course be either "Pass-Fail" or "grades."

The EPC has also given a provisional endorsement to a Physical Education proposal. The product of a year's work by the Physical Education sub-committee of the EPC, the proposed program puts more emphasis on "life-time sports" and changes the requirement from two years to one. The Committee also approved a wider range of activities that would satisfy the requirement, for example, instructional classes, approved independent programs, and exemptions.

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be offered.

However, the Curriculum Committee believed that a more definite procedure should be employed in determining whether a particular student was capable of teaching any course (not just this course in particular) and this question of student qualifications was also referred to the EPC.

The third problem, which deals with the unavailability of faculty to fully staff the course, presents a serious question as to the educational priorities of the faculty and the College. The Curriculum Committee asked the EPC to consider whether the teaching of an interdisciplinary course such as "Current American Problems" (which as proposed would involve participation from various social sciences and natural sciences) was to be considered marginal or central to the role of the faculty.

Departments?

The latter issue brought up one larger problem of educational policy which the Curriculum Committee did not feel to be directly related to the "American Problems" course itself. This involved the nature of "departments" in an educational institution. It was the view of the majority of the Curriculum Committee that the EPC should investigate whether the current academic structure facilitated the introduction of interdisciplinary courses and whether in light of this question the whole departmental system should be altered.

The Committee intends to submit both its acceptance of the course "Current American Problems" in principle and its related recommendations to the faculty at the April 20 meeting.

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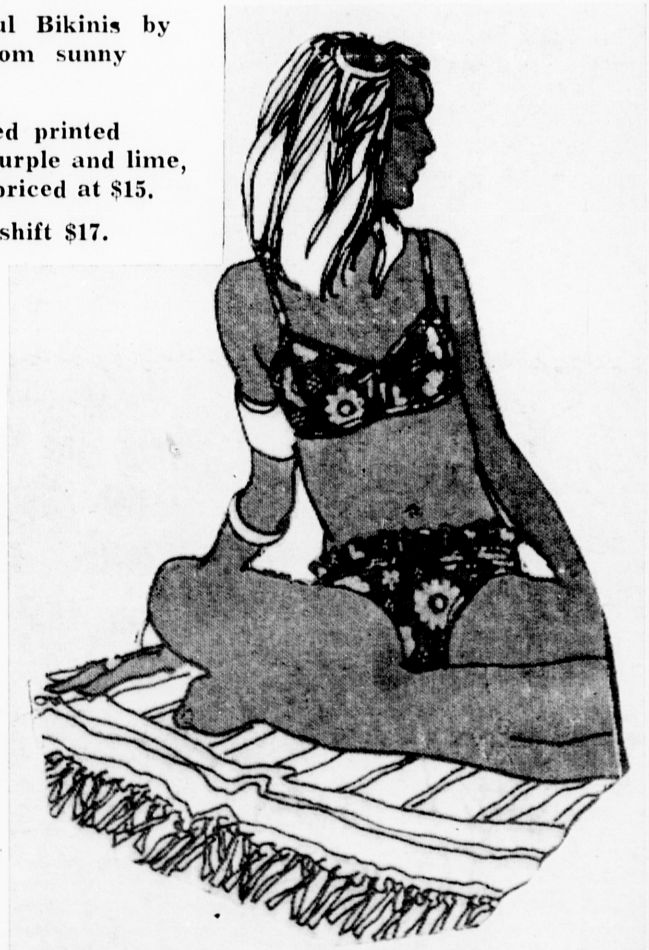
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